



**WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
EXAMINING BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES**

JUNE 2, 2006

LOCATION: Red Lion Inn at Salmon Creek
1500 Northeast 134th Street
Vancouver, Washington 98685

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Liang Tien, Psy.D., Vice Chair, Acting Chair
Dean Funabiki, Ph.D.
Ray Harry, Public Member
Benjamin Johnson, Psy.D.
Darlene Madenwald, Public Member
Carol Pahlke, Ph.D.
Tom Wall, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jorge Torres-Saenz, Psy.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Sharon Strachan, Compliance Manager

1. CLOSED SESSION

9:00 a.m.

- 1.1 The board members met in closed session to work on the jurisprudence examination item bank.
- 1.2 Board members met in their respective panels to discuss and determine whether the cases presented should be investigated, closed, or moved to the informal or formal resolution process. This included a working lunch for the board members from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

2. CALL TO ORDER – Liang Tien, Psy.D., Chair

1:00 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PREVIOUS MINUTES – Liang Tien, Psy.D., Chair

3.1 The meeting agenda was approved.

3.2 The May 5, 2006 meeting minutes were approved as written.

4. PROGRAM REPORTS – Program Staff

4.1 Executive Director Report

Bob Nicoloff provided the Board with a copy of the April 2006 Interim Operating Report. He answered board member questions on budget allotments, attorney expenses, and service unit charges.

Mr. Nicoloff also informed the board members that the board position appointment package was forwarded to the Governor's office in April, but that no appointments had yet been announced.

4.2 Disciplinary Report

Sharon Strachan, Manager, provided the board members with a copy and an overview of the current report on disciplinary statistics.

4.3 Discussions with the Washington State Psychological Association

Bob Nicoloff reported that he and Holly Rawnsley recently met with Dr. Lucy Homans and Gail McGaffick of the Washington State Psychological Association. A number of topics and activities were discussed including the draft rules, budget status, the registered counselor task force, and opportunities to work together in the future. Board members indicated their support for looking at strategies that will benefit the public and all licensees. The Board asked that Bob Nicoloff, and Dr. Jorge Torres, Chair meet with the Association leadership to discuss possible strategies and approaches, and to bring the concepts back to the Board for further consideration.

4.4 Psychology Law Training Modules At Board Meetings

Bob Nicoloff discussed a request from Dr. Jorge Torres, Chair that the Board consider devoting a segment of each meeting for a presentation and discussion of laws related to the psychology as well as related disciplines. The Board agreed to add this component to future meetings.

5. LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST TRAINING – Carol Pahlke, Ph.D., Board Member

Dr. Carol Pahlke led the discussion regarding the licensed psychologist training held in Vancouver on June 1, 2006.

A total of sixty-seven Psychologists attended. Fifty-eight participants had registered, fifty of those registered attended, and seventeen individuals came without having registered.

Feedback from the participant evaluations was generally excellent. The areas of concern expressed included the crowded seating in the room and the lack of restaurants in and around the facility.

Based on the experience from this training session, the Board made decisions regarding future licensee training sessions:

- Two more training sessions would be held this year; one in Spokane on October 19th and one in Kent or SeaTac area on December 7th. Starting next year two sessions would be held, one in Western Washington and one in Eastern Washington.
- This year and each year thereafter, a mailing will be made to all licensees informing them of all training dates and locations;
- Registration will be required to ensure that there is sufficient facility room for all participants;
- Each training session will be divided into two parts – from 9am to noon and 1pm to 4pm, with an hour break for lunch;
- Only facilities that have adequate food accommodations will be used;
- It is desirable to include public members and psychologist members who live in the area of the training in the individual sessions;
- A portion of each program should continue to include the presentation by the DOH Disciplinary Manager;
- Additional work should be completed on the PowerPoint presentation, including the topics of fines and cost recovery; and,
- Case vignettes are to be used, but should include a range from basic to egregious cases.

Staff will bring information on the facility options for the Spokane session at the July board meeting.

6. ASPPB – Liang Tien, Psy.D., Chair

- 6.1 Drs. Benjamin Johnson and Carol Pahlke discussed their attendance at the ASPPB Mid-Year Meeting on April 20-23, 2006 in Sandestin, Florida.
- 6.2 Delegates for the ASPPB Annual Meeting on October 25-29, 2006 in San Diego, California. Postponed to next meeting

7. REGISTERED COUNSELOR TASK FORCE – Pamela Lovinger, Policy Director

- 7.1 Ms. Lovinger discussed the goals and timetable for Registered Counselor Task Force. Ray Harry, public member, has been appointed to serve on the task force. Board members expressed concerns that anyone could obtain a state credential in counseling without obtaining any education or passing an examination. The Board decided to devote time on the July agenda to develop recommendations to the task force.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Liang Tien, Psy.D., Chair

8.1 The Board identified the following items:

- Ethics standards and rules
- Schedule dates for item writer workshops
- Identify delegates to the October ASPPB meeting
- Barriers rule – including submission of dissertations as delineated in WAC 246-924-040, and experience hours

8.2 The meeting dates for the remainder of 2006 are as follows:

- July 14, 2006 in Tumwater
- September 22, 2006 in Tumwater
- October 20, 2006 in Spokane
- November 17, 2006 in Tumwater
- December 8, 2006 in Kent

9. ADJOURNMENT – Liang Tien, Psy.D., Chair

3:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Robert J. Nicoloff Executive Director
Examining Board of Psychology

Liang Tien, Psy.D., Vice Chair, Acting Chair
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